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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: PHILIPPINE DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES

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1. COMATT CALLED MARCH 31 ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SERGIO BARRERA AND CONVEYED USG CONCERN OVER NEW DISCRIMINATORY MEASURE IN PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 667. COMATT DREW ON PARAS TWO TO SIX OF DEPTTEL DURING DISCUSSION.

2. BARRERA BEGAN BY INSISTING THAT PD 667 WAS NOT DISCRIMINATORY AND CERTAINLY NOT DIRECTED AT UNITED STATES. PHILIPPINE FOREIGN TRADE WAS CARRIED BY EVERYONE ELSE BUT PHILIPPINES ITSELF, AND HE WAS PARTICULARLY AGITATED BY LARGE SHARE SHIPPED ON THIRD FLAG VESSELS, E.G., SCANDINAVIANS. WHEN REMINDED OF GOP SUPPORT OF FILSOV SHIPPING COMPANY, BARRERA REPLIED THAT WAS DIFFERENT MATTER INVOLVING CHEAPER RATES, AND SOVIET SHIPPING HAD TO BE UTILIZED SINCE PHILIPPINE SHIPS HAD TO REMAIN IN THE CONFERENCES OR ELSE THEY WILL RETURN EMPTY (SIC).

3. BARRERA FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHAT GIVES TROUBLE TO THE UNITED STATES, OR JAPAN FOR THAT MATTER, GOP HAS TO TAKE SERIOUSLY AND FIND WAY OUT. HE PROMISED THAT USG APPROACH WILL BE FORWARDED TO APPROPRIATE GOP AGENCY, I.E., BOI FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. COMMENT: BARRERA APPARENTLY WAS EXPECTING USG APPROACH. HIS MOST REVEALING STATEMENT DURING CALL WAS THAT PD 667 WAS BASICALLY A RE-WRITE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF INVESTMENT INCENTIVES ACT OF 1967 WHICH WERE REPEALED IN 1973. IN OTHER WORDS, HE SEEMED TO EXPECT THAT WHAT DID NOT WORK IN 1967 WOULD ALSO FAIL IN 1975 UNLESS MORE ACCEPTABLE MEANS COULD BE FOUND TO PROMOTE FILIPINO SHIPPING INTERESTS.  
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